

The National Endowment for the Arts is the only funder, public or private, that supports the arts in all 50 states in the United States.

IN THE PAST 5 YEARS...

The National Endowment for the Arts distributed more than **\$3,981,300** in grants in **West Virginia**.



Blue Star Museums. Photo by Debra Huskin

In one year alone...

- Arts and cultural production in West Virginia added **2.1%** or **\$1.6 billion** to the state's economy.
- West Virginia's arts and cultural industries employed **17,250** workers. These workers earned wages and benefits totaling over **\$900 million**.
- **38.2%** of West Virginia's adults attended live music, theater, or dance performances, while **11.4%** attended art exhibits.



National Endowment for the Arts Programs from FY17-FY19

Blue Star Museums program provided free admission to thousands of active military personnel and their families at **45 participating museums** in West Virginia.

Poetry Out Loud program provided opportunities for over **13,498 students** attending **141 high schools** in West Virginia to appreciate—through study, memorization, and public recitation—great poetry.

The **NEA Big Read** program generated dynamic community reading programs, each designed around outstanding American literature in West Virginia.

Shakespeare in American Communities program in West Virginia enabled schools to offer children the opportunity to see free live professional performances of Shakespeare.

Creative Forces program is expanding access to creative arts therapies and arts engagement opportunities for injured service members, veterans, and their families and caregivers.

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Projects Funded by the Arts Endowment either Directly or Through its State Arts Agency Partnership Funds Occurred in These and Other Locations

WV-01

Bridgeport High School
Fairmont State University
JB Chambers Performing Arts Center
Oglebay Institute's School of Dance Smoot Theatre
West Virginia University

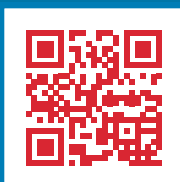
WV-02

Augusta Festival
Children's Theater of Charleston
Contemporary American Theater Festival
Four Seasons Books
McCoy Theatre
Shepherd University

WV-03

Alum Creek Public Library
Chuck Mathena Center
Greenbrier Valley Chorale
Huntington Museum of Art
Mountain Dance Trail
West Virginia Public Broadcasting

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